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COMMUNICATIONS

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1. AFTER SEVERAL COMMUNICATIONS WITH MINISTRY INVOLVING CONSIDERABLE
DELAYS, EMBASSY HAS NOW FINALLY RECEIVED ITINERARY FOR MINISTER
VERMA'S TRIP TO U.S. SCHEDULE IS AS FOLLOWS:

AUG 17TH - DEPART INDIA FOR PARIS. STOP AT PARIS OVERNIGHT.

AUG 29TH - DEPART PARIS VIA AIR INDIA FLIGHT AI-105 ARRIVING
NEW YORK 3.35 PM.

AUG 30TH - DISCUSSIONS IN NEW YORK WITH ITT AT ITT WORLD
COMMUNICATIONS CENTER, BROAD STREET AND WITH
BELL LABS IN N.J.

AUG 31ST - DISCUSSIONS IN NEW YORK WITH ATT/WESTERN ELECTRIC

SPET 1ST - TRAVEL TO STAMFORD, CONNECTICUT BY CAR FOR DISCUSSIONS
AT GTE HQS AND RETURN TO NEW YORK.

SEPT 2ND - LEAVE NEW YORK FOR BUFFALO, IN CONNECTION WITH STUDY OF
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RURAL TELEPHONE SYSTEM IN U.S., VIA AMERICA AIRLINES
AA-233, ARRIVING BUFFALO 10:10 AM

SEPT 3RD - LEAVE BUFFALO FOR WASHINGTON VIA ALLEGHANY AL-248
ARRIVING WASHINGTON 1:30 PM. SIGHT SEEING IN WASHINGTON
IN AFTERNOON

SEPT 4TH - CONTINUE SIGHT SEEING OR OTHER PROGRAM TO BE WORKED OUT WITH INDIAN EMBASSY

SEPT 5TH - MORNING MEETING WITH CHAIRMAN FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION AND MEETING, AS PREVIOUSLY SCHEDULED, WITH SECRETARY COMMERCE KREPS

SEPT 6TH - DISCUSSIONS WITH INTELSAT AND VISIT TO COMSAT LABORATORIES

DEPARTURE WASHINGTON FOR OSLO IN EVENING.

2. LOCAL ITT REPRESENTATIVE, DEHEJIA, DURING MEETING WITH COMMERCIAL COUNSELOR ON AUGUST 14, STATED ITT WILL ARRANGE AND BE RESPONSIBLE FOR NEW YORK MEETINGS ON AUGUST 30. MIN COMMUNICATIONS WOULD APPRECIATE STATE/USDOC ASSISTANCE IN ARRANGING MEETINGS IN NEW YORK ON AUGUST 31 WITH ATT AND WESTERN ELECTRIC. SIMILARLY MIN COMMUNICATIONS WOULD LIKE STATE/USDOC TO ARRANGE WITH GTE FOR TRAVEL TO AND FROM STAMFORD AND PROGRAM IN THAT CITY.

3. WE BELIEVE GTE WILL ARRANGE FOR TRIP OF MINISTER AND PARTY IN VIEW RURAL EXCHANGES IN BUFFALO AND VICINITY IN ACCORDANCE WITH PREVIOUS CONVERSATIONS THEY HAVE HAD WITH MIN IN NEW DELHI.

4. WE UNDERSTAND INDIAN EMBASSY HAS JUST BEEN INFORMED OF VERMA'S LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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TRIP, INCLUDING ARRIVAL TIME IN WASHINGTON. WE SUGGEST YOU COORDINATE WITH EMBASSY CONCERNING PROGRAM FOR SEPTEMBER 3RD AND 4TH INCLUDING POSSIBLE DINNER, WHICH, WE UNDERSTAND, WOULD BE AGREEABLE TO VERMA.

5. WE HOPE THAT STATE/USDOC WOULD TAKE RESPONSIBILITY, IN COORDINATION WITH INDIAN EMBASSY FOR PROGRAM OF VERMA AND PARTY IN WASHINGTON, MONDAY, SEPT 4TH THROUGH WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 6TH.

6. FROM INFORMAL CONVERSATION HERE WE BELIEVE ITT AND GTE TO BE BEST SOURCES FOR POSSIBLE ASSISTANCE IN DEFRAIVING COSTS OF VISIT BUT THAT PROSPECTS WITH ATT ARE LESS BRIGHT. WE ALSO UNDERSTAND MINISTER TAKING MODEST GIFTS WITH HIM FOR SECRETARY KREPS AND CHAIRMAN FIC. THESE CONSIST OF TWO DECORATED ALBUMS CONTAINING MINT COLLECTIONS OF INDIAN STAMPS.

7. OUR LATEST INFORMAL ADVICE FROM MINISTRY IS THAT MINISTER WILL NOW PROBABLY BE ACCOMPANIED BY ONLY TWO RATHER THAN THREE OTHER MINISTRY OFFICIALS.
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